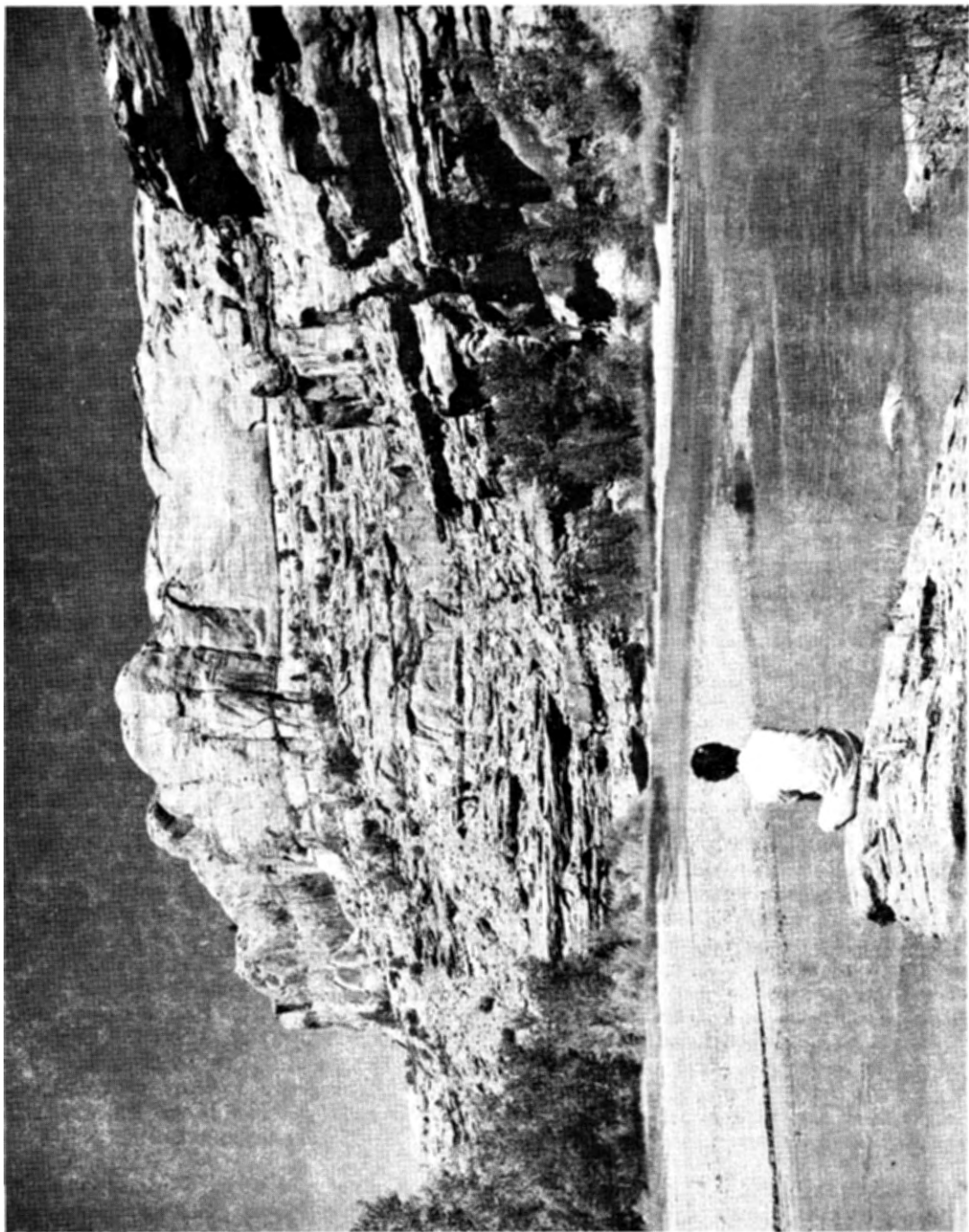


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Mountain Club business is conducted only on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. At that time, and only at that time, is the mail opened, new membership applications voted on, dues payments recorded, address changes made, and all other business requiring board action conducted. All board members cannot attend all board meetings and although an effort is made to fill in during a member's absence, some business is held for action until the next meeting.

Club Activities..November, 1977

AVALANCHE INFORMATION is available from the Wasatch National Forest winter sports information recording, 486-6333. The information is more complete and up-to-date than in the past, so their recommendations can be relied upon. If you have any further questions on avalanche conditions, call Dave Hanscom at 487-6065. Avalanche probes, cords, shovels, and pieps are required on tours at the discretion of the leader.

REGISTRATION WITH THE TRIP LEADER is important for ski tours as weather and snow conditions can cause cancellations or changes in destination. It also aids in organizing car shuttles early enough to avoid delays. Register by some

reasonable hour on the day before the tour is scheduled. Registration for all tours is recommended. Snowshoes are satisfactory for any Beginning Nordic Tour. If there is no snow, tours as planned may be converted to hikes at the discretion of the leader.

(Note: See article and charts by Dave Hanscom & Dwight Nicholson in this Rambler for a more detailed description of and ratings for the more popular Wasatch ski tours. Also a book, "Wasatch Tours" by Hanscom and Kelner describing all the local tours is available at local mountain stores, price \$5.00.)

HIKING INFORMATION: Members participating in easy or intermediate hiking (rating below 7.0) are generally not required to register with the leader. Unless otherwise stated, advanced hikes (rating above 7.0) do require registration. Adequate equipment is a must for advanced hiking. You can participate in these events only if you have demonstrated your ability on other hiking activities and if you have adequate and well broken-in boots with good Vibram-type

soles and suitable protective clothing. Special equipment, such as an ice axe, may be specified and you are expected to be able to handle such equipment. Remember that these restrictions are set for your safety as well as that of your fellow members.

Children are permitted on hikes with a rating of less than 3.0; however, permission of the leader is required on hikes with a rating between 3.0 and 5.0.

October 29
Saturday

HALLOWEEN PARTY. Once again it is time to pull out that spooky costume from the closet and display your true personality to your friends. We will, of course, all be up at the lodge, enjoying the Live Band, the food and the keg of beer -- all for the low, low price of \$3.00 per person. 8:00 p.m. Please register by Friday, October 28 with Karin Caldwell, 942-6065 (home) or 581-7168 (office).

October 29-30
Sat-Sun

ROCKHOUND TRIP. We will be going to Antelope Springs which is prime hunting country - hunting for Trilobites, that is. We will also head south to Delta in search of Snowflake Obsidian. You will need a rock hammer or a mallet & chisel. Call leader Elmer Boyd for details at 969-7814.

- November 2
Wednesday
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. After a brief presentation by the board of club finances and future policy, we will hear Alexis Kelner speak about the early days of WMC. Together with club historian Paul Horton, Alexis has put together a unique collection of slides covering pictorial material from the club's first decades. Place: Zion Lutheran Church, 1070 Foothill Drive. Time: 8:00 p.m.
- November 5
Saturday
GRANDEUR PEAK. Hike. Rating: 4.5. This is the peak east of the Foothill Boulevard-33rd South intersection. Meet at The Movie at 9:00 a.m. Leader: George Swanson, 466-3003.
- November 6
Sunday
JUPITER HILL VIA SCOTT'S PASS. Hike. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. Please call the leader first. Leader: Shelly Hyde, 583-0974.
- November 12
Saturday
BIG BEACON. Hike. Rating: 3.0. Meet at the east end of Hogle Zoo parking lot at 9:30 a.m. Leader: Fran Flowers, 581-9083.
- November 12
Saturday
SKI TOURING KICKOFF DAY. Beginning tour, see description of day elsewhere this issue. Leader: Milt Hollander, 277-1416. Meet at the Lodge, 1:00 p.m.
- November 13
Sunday
MT. OLYMPUS. Hike. Rating 8.0. Call leader John Dawson for details, 262-7061.
- November 19
Saturday
FOOTHILLS HIKE. An easy to intermediate hike in the foothills or, conditions permitting, in the lower canyon area. The exact destination is being left to the leader. Call the leader for details. He will need a ride. Leader: Carl Bauer, 355-6036.
- November 19
Saturday
DESOLATION LAKE VIA MILL D NORTH. Ski tour. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Elmer Boyd, 299-7814.
- November 20
Sunday
ALBION BASIN. Beginning ski tour rated great for Nordic and snowshoes. Meet at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 8:30 a.m. Leader: George Swanson, 466-3003.
- November 20
Sunday
GRANDEUR PEAK WEST FACE. Hike. Rating: 7.0. Call for details. Leader: John Riley, 485-2567.
- November 24-27
Thurs-Sun
GRAND GULCH BACKPACK. Hike. This year we'll try the canyon from Collins Springs to the San Juan River. Call Mike Hendrickson, 278-9856 for registration and details. This trip will be limited to 12 people.
- November 24
Thursday
FAMILY THANKSGIVING AT THE LODGE. Come to the lodge for a traditional Thanksgiving turkey (pot luck) dinner. Dinner will be served at 4:00, but come early to ski, sled, hike or sit around the fire. There will be a small charge to reimburse those who bring turkeys. For what to bring, phone Carol Withrow at 363-0352 before Sunday night, November 20.

November 24 Thursday	SNAKE CREEK PASS FROM BRIGHTON. Ski tour. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:30 a.m. Leader: Al Wickham 272-7996.
November 26 Saturday	CATHERINE PASS FROM ALTA. Ski tour. Meet at the mouth of Little Cottonwood at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Dick Leining, 583-1616.
November 26 Saturday	TURKEY HIKE. Something to help your system recover from the holiday. Being this late in the season, we are not sure just where we will be going, but it will probably be of intermediate rating. Call leader Carl Bauer for information, 355-6036. He will need a ride.
December 3 Saturday	LAKE BLANCHE. Ski tour. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Alexis Kelner 359-5387.
December 4 Sunday	LAKE SOLITUDE. Ski tour. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Joyce Sohler, 272-2624.

SKI TOURING KICKOFF

The Ski Touring Committee met the other night and plans for a full season of tours, avalanche instruction, winter camping and cross country racing are being developed for the upcoming Big snow year.

To kick off the gung-ho program, a general orientation meeting is planned and will be held at Dennis and Karen Caldwell's home, 3645 Golden Hills Drive on Saturday, November 12, at 5 P.M. We plan to start activities in the early afternoon at the lodge with a short beginning tour, everybody welcome regardless of ability. The tour will be led by Mr Ski Tourer himself, friendly Milt Hollander, 277-1416. After the tour we'll meet down at Caldwells where we will have tour movies and equipment displays of all the latest--trac skis with metal edges, superlight short wide floaters and divers, pieps (electronic finder gadgets), touring poles convertible to probes, also, jackets, packs and other bangles to win your fancy. As a special added attraction, those attending will receive a special discount card entitling them to a substantial reduction on any and all of these baubles. A dinner will be served for \$1.25 by Trudy Healy and Judy Whitehead. (Drinks for the usual fees.) Please call Trudy at 583-3411 or Judy at 942-1769 to let them know how many to plan for. Reservations are necessary by Wednesday, November 9th and are limited to 45. Be prompt, please.

We are reprinting an article originally appearing in the November '75 Rambler and a rating table of representative tours. Please keep this table for reference as details of tours will not be subsequently repeated in monthly schedules.

Your ski touring committee is composed of the following members: John Riley, George Swanson, Milt Hollander, Dave Hanscom, Andy Schoenbury, Trudy Healy, Dwight Nicholson, Jim Dahlglish, and Lyman Lewis. Please let us have your comments on how to improve the program.

Several of the ski shops offer FREE SATURDAY SKI TOURING CLINICS which offer beginner instruction and, in some cases, more advanced instruction. Some also

offer evening discussions (such as, at Timberline Sports). However, in all instances, it is important to call the respective shops and find out the details:

Timberline Sports	3155 Highland Drive	466-2101
Wasatch Mountain Touring	779 East 300 South	359-9361
Village Sports Den	1384 Foothill Drive	582-5611
The Mountaineer	207 South 13th East	582-2338

The Ski Touring Clinics provide a very good way to get into the sport and enough instruction to participate in a WMC beginner tour. All shops have equipment for rent which is a good way to find out what kind of skis one really wants.



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Guide to Ski Touring in the Wasatch

by Dave Hanscom and Dwight Nicholson

The difficulty of a ski tour is not easy to define. It depends to a large extent upon the condition of the snow, which varies from one day to the next, (and even from one hour to the next) due to snowfall, wind velocity, air temperature and the location of the route relative to exposure to wind and sun.

It also depends upon the weather, the physical condition of the tourer, the particular route chosen, and equipment.

For Nordic skiers, correct touring techniques and ability to choose the proper wax makes all the difference in the world. The only parameters that are constant on a ski tour are the vertical rise and the horizontal distance.

With these facts in mind, an attempt has been made to rate the ski tours in the Wasatch. The rating system is in the form (X,Y), where X describes the difficulty of the climb, and Y indicates the skiing proficiency required to get down. Both are rated from 1 to 6, in order of increasing difficulty. For example, Day's Fork is rated (2,4); it involves a relatively short climb of 1900 feet in 1.5 miles from Alta, but the descent includes an extremely steep bowl where avalanche danger can be quite high. These numbers are necessarily relative, and are meant only to give the tourer a general idea of the required ability level necessary under good skiing conditions.

To put the skiing proficiency part of the rating into perspective, a comparison can be made to slopes at the ski areas. Skiers with ability to handle Main Street, Pay Day, or Majestic with confidence could take tours rated 1 or 2; they should have mastered the kick turn, however, for the sections where it is the only alternative to turning in the powder. Nordic skiers should also be able to manage these tours with good snow conditions, particularly the ones with long run-outs. A rating of (3) requires intermediate skiing skills, as would Collins Face, Bob's Bowl, Millicent, or Thaynes; ability to turn in unpacked snow becomes more important. The higher rated tours are for advanced skiers who can manage any snow conditions; sometimes the survival instinct helps, too.

The table on the opposite page (much of which is taken from the December, 1968, RAMBLER article by Charles Keller) contains data on 37 of the most popular tours in the Wasatch. They are listed in approximate order of difficulty to assist your go/no go decision.

This year we have decided to add to the general ratings a column for Nordic Ability and/or suitability. The rating here is Beginner (B), Intermediate (I), Advanced (A), and Not Advised (N/A). A Beginner would be the person who has only been on Nordic skis a few times, and has a lot of difficulty with downhill sections. Intermediate ratings would refer to those people who have been out a number of times

and can do a good stop and kick turn, or an adequate stem turn. The advanced tours are for those who can handle most everything on Nordic skis given decent snow conditions. We have also noted those tours that are not advised for Nordic skis, mainly because the slope is so severe, or the snow conditions are so poor, that it would be a survival situation on Nordic skis.

It is suggested that you not go on a tour that is much further down the list than the most difficult one that you have taken in the past. A skier who goes on a trip that he can't handle not only endangers and discourages himself, but he compromises the enjoyment of the entire party. If in doubt, the tour leader or ski touring director will be happy to advise you.

A map of the ski touring routes in the Alta-Brighton area is available from the Wasatch National Forest office at 3070 East 3300 South.

One final comment should be made regarding ski tours taken by individuals who like to get out on their own. Snow conditions in the Wasatch are extremely variable, and thanks to our large accumulations, avalanche danger can be extremely high. It is advisable before going on a tour to ascertain that the snow is safe in the area, to never go alone, and to let someone know your route and schedule. The Forest Service (phone 486-6333) will provide information on weather and snow conditions, but they cannot be responsible for deciding if you should take the tour. Your own common sense must be your guide.

(Note: The above article was re-typed from the November, 1975, RAMBLER article.)

Description	Lift	ASCENT		DESCENT		Rating	Nordic
		Dist.	Vert.	Dist.	Vert.		
Wolverine Cirque from Brighton	Millicent	0.7	350	1.6	1330	1,2	I
Lake Solitude		1.4	300	1.4	300	1,2	B
Snake Creek Pass from Brighton	Majestic	1.0	840	1.4	1240	1,2	B
Catherine Pass from Alta	Albion	1.0	740	2.3	1680	1,2	B
Alta from Brighton via Twin Lakes Pass	Millicent	1.1	275	1.1	1430	1,2	I
Dog Lake via Mill D - North		2.3	1460	2.3	1460	2,2	B
Mill F		2.2	1000	2.2	1000	2,2	I
Desolation Lake via Mill D - North		3.3	1960	3.3	1960	2,2	B
Catherine Pass from Brighton	Majestic	1.5	1020	1.8	1440	2,2	I
Mill Creek from Park City West (to Log Haven)	P. C. West	0.5	150	7.7	3300	1,2	I
Park City from Brighton via Scott's Pass		2.0	700	3.8	2500	2,2	I
Brighton from Park City via Scott's Pass	Gondola	1.8	400	2.0	700	2,2	I
Honeycomb from Solitude (to cirque)		3.0	1400	3.0	1400	2,2	I
Mineral Fork		2.9	1890	2.9	1890	2,2	I

Description	Lift	ASCENT		DESCENT		Rating	Nordic
		Dist.	Vert.	Dist.	Vert.		
White Pine Lake, Red Pine Lake		2.7	2400	2.7	2400	3,2	I
Honeycomb from Brighton	Evergreen	0.6	500	3.5	2140	1,3	A
Mt. Wolverine from Alta	Albion	1.2	1205	1.8	2035	2,3	A
Silver Fork from Brighton via Twin Lakes Pass	Millicent	1.6	470	2.8	2460	2,3	A
Mill Creek from Mill D No. via Dog Lake (to Log Haven)		2.3	1460	6.4	2900	2,3	I
Cardiff Fork from Alta		1.0	1360	5.9	2750	2,3	A
Silver Fork from Alta		1.8	1610	2.8	2510	2,3	A
American Fork from Alta (to S. Fork Ranger Station)	Sugarloaf	0.3	160	12.6	4450	1,3	I
Mary Ellen Gulch from Alta (to S. Fork Ranger Station)	Sugarloaf	0.3	160	10.6	4450	1,3	N/A
Neff Canyon		3.2	3960	3.2	3960	4,3	N/A
Days Fork from Alta		1.5	1890	3.5	3140	4,4	A
Major Evans Gulch from Alta (to S. Fork Ranger Station)	Sugarloaf	2.9	480	7.4	4770	2,4	N/A
White Pine from Alta	Sugarloaf	3.4	330	3.0	3140	3,4	N/A
Mt. Raymond via Butler Fork		3.5	3140	3.5	3140	4,4	A
American Fork from White Pine via Silver Lake (to S. Fork Ranger Station)		3.4	3030	7.6	580	4,4	N/A
Maybird from White Pine		3.4	2440	2.0	3175	3,5	N/A
Alpine from White Pine via Dry Creek		3.7	3000	6.5	5560	4,4	N/A
Hogum from White Pine		3.6	2700	3.1	3660	3,5	N/A
Alexander Basin from Butler Fork (to Log Haven)		3.6	3145	5.4	4140	3,5	N/A
White Pine from Alta via Twin Peaks	Sugarloaf	2.4	1075	4.0	3875	3,5	N/A
Major Evans Gulch from Alta via Twin Peaks (to S. Fork Ranger Sta.)	Sugarloaf	2.4	1075	8.1	5360	3,5	N/A
Mineral Fork from Alta		2.3	2180	3.1	4160	3,5	N/A
Lake Blanche from Alta		1.9	2060	4.3	4500	3,5	N/A

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Mule Hollow Wall

Gourmet Climb

September 18, 1977 by Audrey Stevens

O happy day, calloo-callay, climbers once again bushwhacked the familiar slopes to Mule Hollow Wall. If a rope were dangled down the first pitch of any route, the wall would parallel it. WMC climbers love to wallow in masochism such as this.

As perfect weather smiled, several twosomes climbed up the south and middle routes: George Swanson and Larry Messer, Mark Hessing and Bonnie Jeanne Baty, Lyman Lewis and John Riley, Keith Biesinger and Larry Rufener, and a tricky F6 by Pete Haug and John Thuerer. Audrey Stevens led Mike Treshow on a curious route farther north which included an unnecessary but scenic tour of a pinnacle. John Gottman and Steve Fowler hiked up a gully near them, and fortuitously all parties made it to the top.

The climb leader, Bonnie Jeanne, won the 'gourmet' vote with some chocolate chip ice cream (preserved in dry ice). Knowledgeable members led a downclimb which avoided the usual rappels, since they are famous for loose rock hazards. By 5:30 p.m. all were down and sorting equipment by the noisy Big Cottonwood road.

NEBO ADVENTURE

October 1, 1977

An eventful day began with a late start to attract more participants and continued with masterly defensive driving by Tom Stevens to thwart a suicidally inclined elk hunter in the high country of Payson Canyon. While

most of the group were content to savor the superlative scenery of October in Aspen Country, one of the vanguard gained the summit of the north peak in an additional three hour effort.

Climbers all: Roger Rollins (Nebo North Peak), Marilyn Berk, Lucille Rupp, Angela Tan, Becky Trunnell, Dr. Howard Berk, Fred Zoerner, John Dawson, Tom Tollefson, Christopher Ingalls, Reg Swartz, Tom Stevens, Carl Bauer.

Desolation to Beartrap

September 11, 1977 by Trudy Healy

Twenty hikers showed up for Desolation to Beartrap Fork. It seemed like an awfully lot of people for a little trail like that, but mercifully a thick veil of gnats hid from sight anyone who wasn't withing touching distance. Weather and temperatures were pleasant, and aspen showed their first fall gold.

By various routes we hiked up to the saddle south of Desolation Lake. There were almost as many sheep as gnats, and although the Forest Service doesn't seem to object to gnats, they probably didn't like the sheep dogs in the watershed.

Some of the group weren't satisfied with just going over the saddle and down Beartrap, but hiked the short distance along the ridge to a little summit with a tremendous view in all directions. Those super-ambitious ones are the first six listed below.

Participants: John Riley, Peter Hansen, Wick Miller, Doug Stark, George and Trudy Healy, Dennis Dougherty, Joe Sahl, Doris and Clint Brown, Tom Tollefson, Jack Roddy, John and Julie Bowen, Larry Piette, Lyn Rea, Stephen Morris, Marguerite Strickland, and Elmer Boyd, leader and naturalist.

Music at the Lodge

by Dennis Caldwell

The lodge was the scene of a rather unique event in recent times: spear-headed by Charlie Keller some twenty individuals brought their instruments, including a piano up to Brighton, and for over two hours held the rapt attention of one hundred people. To render a sporting description of the evening's festivities it will be desirable to avoid any temptation to play critic and inflict upon the reader a tedious resume of an activity which had to be experienced in order to be appreciated. This form of reporting will be shunned along with tales of who led what pitch and fell off of which overhang; suffice it to say that this was a glorious achievement, and after the manner of Himalayan expeditions we will omit the details of the final assault.

Shortly after eight o'clock the cacaphony of the gas heater fan and the rasping furnace blower were replaced by the Old World sounds of a string quartet, followed by a Beethoven setting for two Scotch songs accompanied by piano, violin, and cello. This was gracefully complimented by several sonatas for flute, recorder, and cello, respectively, along with a lively group of madrigal singer, complete with raconteur.

By intermission everyone seemed to agree that this was an event worthy of repetition, and by the end of intermission the effect of the refreshments had decisively quashed all possible dissent. To the participants who made this evening possible our warmest appreciation:

Esther Sugai, Flute
Prudence Brewater, Piano
Karen Evans, Mezzo Soprano
Helen Mitcheltree, Piano
Gale Dick, Violin
Charles Keller, Cello
Anne George, Violin
Jude Whitehead, Viola
Frank Jarvis, Guitar
Robert Keller, Recorder
Lin Christiansen, Piano
Ann Withrow, Cello
Jean Smith, Piano
Sandy Anderson, Piano

THE AD HOC SINGERS
(George Gopen, Director)

Nancy Stephan
Vicki Mickelsen
Helen Thompson
Eleanor Coolidge
Chris Heaney
Linda Briggs
William Wry
Mark Heaney
George Gopen
Franklin Fisher



CANYONLANDS AND GLEN CANYON MANAGEMENT PLANS

by Walter Haas

The National Park Service has recently released management plans covering Canyonlands National Park and the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. The

Canyonlands plan generally calls for maintenance of the status quo, with some adjustments in existing facilities and permitted uses. The Glen Canyon proposal calls for protecting about 42% of the area as wilderness, while permitting ORV use in most of the area and designating a number of sites for intensive development.

The Canyonlands plan is the consensus of those members of the public who attended a series of workshops held a year ago (see the November 1976 Rambler). This plan generally reflects the feelings of the WMC members who participated in the workshops. The people who live in the Moab area, however, are extremely disappointed. They say that when Canyonlands was established, it was intended to be a highly developed park, like Yosemite or Yellowstone, which would draw tens of millions of people to the area each year. The local residents are strenuously lobbying for "improvement" to Canyonlands, to increase the park's traffic and the profits of local business. Congressman McKay, whose district includes Canyonlands, has taken their case to Washington. Governor Matheson has expressed disappointment in the NPS plan, saying basically that it represents a breach of promise by the Federal Government. If Canyonlands is to be preserved in its present condition, we will have to lobby intensively for the status quo.

The Glen Canyon plan has produced only a moderately negative reaction, since it calls for bringing a vastly increased number of visitors to the area. However, there has been opposition based on the fact that some existing roads would be closed, and mineral exploitation would be hampered or eliminated in the wilderness areas. The Act creating the Glen Canyon NRA authorized a "scenic" road from Glen Canyon City to Bullfrog Basin, across Escalante Canyon; the Park Service has a noticeable lack of enthusiasm for this scheme, and has proposed Escalante Canyon for Wilderness Act protection; but the local people are pushing for the road, apparently as a source of income.

The genuine feasibility of any of these tourist promotion schemes is open to question. Rainbow Marina pumped more gas than any station in Utah last year; one wonders where the business would go if there were no gas to pump, or if it cost \$2 a gallon. The Hite Marina is not proposed for intensive development because it will be full of silt in 20 to 30 years, unless it is dredged. One of the most popular uses of Lake Powell is said to be camping along the shore, but a plant called saltcedar is apparently invading the suitable places and making them unusable. One is inclined to suspect that the major traffic in the long run will come from people moving to southern Utah to mine coal and uranium.

The Park Service actually published three proposals for Glen Canyon; the one described above is plan B, the so-called "moderate" plan. Plan A would designate most of the area Wilderness, or in other words, preserve the status quo.

Plan C would permit the maximum amount of exploitation. To protect existing values, we should lobby for Plan A and de-authorization of the Glen Canyon City-Bullfrog Basin road. The road in particular is both destructive and ridiculous, since it intrudes upon an especially beautiful wilderness, would be phenomenally expensive, and does not appear to have any significant economic value. People from northern Utah can conveniently reach the area from the north, along several roads which could be paved without serious effect on any important wilderness; people from California can no doubt spend their money at Glen Canyon City just as well as at Bullfrog Basin.

Both Canyonlands and the Glen Canyon area are now dependent on you. Write, wire or phone your elected representatives and let them know how you feel. They are:

Senator Jake Garn
4203 Dirksen Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Orrin Hatch
613 Dirksen Building
Washington, DC 20510

Representative Dan Marriot
1610 Longworth Building
Washington, DC 20515

Representative Gunn McKay
1203 Longworth Building
Washington, DC 20515

Comments on the Glen Canyon NRA management plan can be sent, until November 15, to:

Superintendent
Glen Canyon National Recreation Area
Post Office Box 1507
Page, Arizona 86040

Please write an additional letter to:

Governor Scott Matheson
State Capitol
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Tell him of your experiences in the Escalante (or your desire to visit it in the future in its wilderness state) and urge him to support Wilderness Alternative A. Governor Rampton was aware of the intense interest in wilderness for Escalante by Utah residents, but Governor Matheson is not; and his recommendations will figure heavily in Congressional decisions.

Mountaineering Ramblings

by John Mason

The climbing sessions on Thursday evenings are over now. However, all is not lost. The winter edition of Thursday night climbing has begun. We meet most Thursdays at the Bird Cage Lounge, 3320 South Highland Drive, for an evening of conversation and whatever. The winter Thursday meetings are often used to plan unscheduled events, and they provide an opportunity for us to enjoy the camaraderie of the Thursday night sessions all year.

This year's climbing season saw mixed successes and failures. The climbing course produced several graduates who have shown a continued interest in climbing and who have progressed quite well. The high camps were well attended, although there was inclement weather on more than our share of weekends. Two long-distance trips were successful; one to the Sierras in California and one to the North Cascades in Washington. Several individual attempts by club members were thwarted by conditions, but quite a few were successful. Notable among these were several significant first ascents which will be mentioned in more detail in a future column. Finally, the Thursday evening sessions were again successful in getting a large number of people together for climbing, burgers, and fun. Thanks to everyone who helped out with these sessions--the food suppliers and beverage buyers who make the refreshments possible. Special thanks to Bill Shepard, who is no longer with us. (No, he's not dead, but he did move to California.)

I am in the process of planning several winter events. If anyone is interested in seeing any specific events, or in leading any specific events, please let me know and we'll get it scheduled. Also, remember that Thursday nights are a good time to schedule events on an impromptu or short-term basis. We will also schedule a few social events, including an equipment swap. See you on Thursdays.

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Snake Creek to Sunset

It wasn't just a crisp fall morning, it was downright COLD as we met in the parking lot at the preposterous hour of 7:30. After the ride up the canyon we reconvened at the lodge and set out to find some sun. The recent snow had dusted everything with a few inches of white, but the trail was clear.

The only snow we encountered was on the flank of Sunset peak where it was almost knee high.

Participants: Clayton Benton, Joyce Sohler, Sue Ault, Dennis Dougherty, Fran Flowers, leader.

South Willow Lake in the Stansbury's

Sept. 18

by Wick Miller

We gathered on a sunny morning at the Sugar House shopping center parking lot, to be led by our faithful trusty leader, George Healy, to the Stansbury's. We drove in tandem, thru as pretty a little canyon as one could ask for, to the Willow Flats parking lot, where we met Yukio Kachi and friend, who were preparing for an assault on Desert Peak. Our eyeballs were rewarded by aspen turning yellow. We ate lunch at lake side, while waiting for the excursion boat (it never came). Since our Leader assumed me Liturite, he made the mistake of naming me HR (Hike Reporter).

Half the group returned the route whence we came. The other half had to discover if Nevada was still there (it was). After trudging thru delightful scree, we reached the saddle, with a view of the Deep Creek Mts., Pequop Mts., Salt Flats, and Cedar Mts. There was a handful of snow--just enough for a short snowball fight.

The faithful were: George Healy, Vicky McKay, Mike Verde, Alan Trampasch, Chris Ingalls, Cathleen Flanagan, Tom Tollefson, Trudy Healy, Kate Lynch, Dennis Willigan, Becky Trunnel, Ilka Stallard, Jim Freese, and Wick R. Miller.



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ESCALANTE BACKPACK

by Mauritia Daily

We had ten people turn out for the trip to the Escalante country which proved to be one of the truly treasured corners of Utah. After the usual pooling of cars on Saturday morning we started ambling toward the canyon rim. We had no problem finding the best route decending into Coyote Gulch thanks to Trudy Healey and Joy Ray who had been to the area earlier in the year.

We spent Saturday afternoon wandering up the canyon keeping Stevens Arch in view. Most of the group ventured up the Escalante River exploring the canyon until we had the Stevens Arch above us. However, Peter Hansen and Teresa Overfield didn't make it past the first swimming hole. Obviously, they found swimming much more enjoyable than hiking.

The beauty of the desert ranges from the red canyon walls to delicate desert flowers that decide to grow in some of the oddest places and, of course, to those delightful desert lakes. The highlight of the trip for most of the group was on Sunday when we come upon one of the desert lakes named Arrowhead Lake. By the hoops, hollers, and laughter it couldn't be anything but a pure delight.

When the setting sun lit up the canyon walls it was always a good time to make camp and start the long awaited "Happy Hour". Thanks to Larry Hoskins and Ruth Holland's imaginations we had a couple of very "interesting drinks". Of course, it was quite entertaining watching the "Gallopimg Gourmet" Mike Hendrickson create one of his famous concoctions.

On Monday, we had an early hike out. We couldn't ask for a nicer way to end the trip than with the beer Trudy had left for us in the car spotted at the end of the hike.

Backpackers: Trudy Healey, Peter Hansen, Chuck Ranney, Larry Hoskins. Ruth Holland, Joy Ray, Sandy Taylor, Teresa Overfield, Mike Hendrickson, and Mauritia Daily



Lunch break in Coyote Gulch



Peter Hansen in front of Cliff Arch

MAYBIRD LAKES

August 28, 1977

A convoy of 27 hikers threaded its way up the Red Pine/White Pine trails this buggy but beautiful Sunday morning for one of the most beautiful WMC treks I've ever spent time on. Although the route was rated "4", the numerous non-athletes among us had the score up to six well before we'd reached the mid-way point, myself included.

One of the rewards this day was snow, which had just fallen the night before. The lakes, little alpine gems, were so inviting that one of our party (name withheld to spare embarrassment) decided to dance across a floating log to an island of evergreens. They log stayed put; the dancer took a dunking.

I'd recommend the hike just for the view from the lakes and for the route of descent along the gulch through which the lake water tears down the canyon.

Hikers: John Veranth (leader), George Healy, John Dawson, Peter Hansen, Kerry Amerman, Ken Kraus, Lois Craig, Janelle Rouze, Doug Stark, Shelby Nikkelsen, Monica Liebergessell, Jim Eizenberger, Nathan Dean, Susan Anderson, Linda Pearline, Barbara Bishop, Jean Deckert, Joy Ray, Janice Stott, Karen Shaw, Steve Daurelle, Howard, Marge, and Sue Wells, Kermit Earle, Marilyn Earle, Mike Omana.

RIVER QUEEN

(Mary Manley)

by Rod Dixon

"I've not yet begun my part of the fighting," said John Paul Jones
Whose Bonhomme Richard's deck he ran in a sea of fire.

Mountain Club folk who float the veins that fill Jone's lake

Now fight with water and are led by the River Queen

Who taunts from a rock's shade as she preens her blue rubber feathers
Which are hammered taut into a royal blue skin.

Feathers fluffed the sun dried fighters swept around the bend
Bent on a royal blue skin of blue rubber feathers.

Jug and paddle swingers more deadly in aim

Than a mom crushing the fire around her child, closed in
Sweetly Mary said,

"Put your water where it hurts,
Aim for the head holes.

Fill the mouths and stuff the noses.

Rake their eyes and burst their ears.

Float them from their rafts."

As an avenging queen whose wrongly slain king lies on the bier
So Mary sweetly as a savage struck.

"Tie on the raft, reports its crew dead and we'll go party," she said.

MT. RAYMOND

October 9, 1977 by Susan Healy

Bright and early one threatening morning a large group of intrepid hikers, coffee cups in hand, began to trudge up the icy slopes of Mt. Raymond, led (or at least guided) by none other than the world-famous Alpinist, the fearless Trudl Schneckenoodle. The trip up Butler Fork to the col was pleasant and uneventful: the ground had not yet thawed into a morass of mud, and the golden aspen leaves glowed in the sun against a deep blue sky. Unfortunately, the treacherous, exposed summit ridge was still covered with slick ice when our daring expedition reached it, so one brave member of the crew, whose name, alas, could not be obtained by this writer, was sent ahead to melt the hazardous glaze with a battery-powered handwarmer. This done, the ascent was accomplished by all with a minimum of discomfort. We descended to the Porter Fork trail through the steepest and most slippery gully we could find, and made our way to Hidden Falls down some exceptionally beautiful valleys in the sunshine.

Members of the Expedition: Trudy Healy, leader, Susan Healy, Tom Tollefson, Jean Kardig, Mauritia Daily, Pat Fairbanks, Jan Stirrat, John Veranth, John Riley, Roy and Susan Schott, Jeri Parker, Joyce Sohler, George Westbrook, Ilka Allers Stallard.

If you seek Truth, you will not seek to gain a victory by every possible means; and when you have found Truth, you need not fear being defeated. Epictetus

POST SEASON HIKING

This year, as an experiment, the hiking season will be extended for as long as possible.

Compared with what you've been used to during the summer, these post season hikes may seem a bit anticlimactic, but they are being scheduled for those who just want to get out of doors for a romp.

The scheduled hikes will be essentially those usually scheduled in early spring (i.e. those at lower elevations). PLEASE BE PREPARED TO COOPERATE SHOULD THE LEADER DECIDE TO SUBSTITUTE ANOTHER HIKE FOR THE ONE SCHEDULED. If by an chance we have conditions similar to last year's (heaven forbid), it would be a shame to be wandering around on the west slope of the Wasatch if canyon trails are

clear. If the weather has been good you may assume that the hike will go, otherwise, call the leader to be sure.

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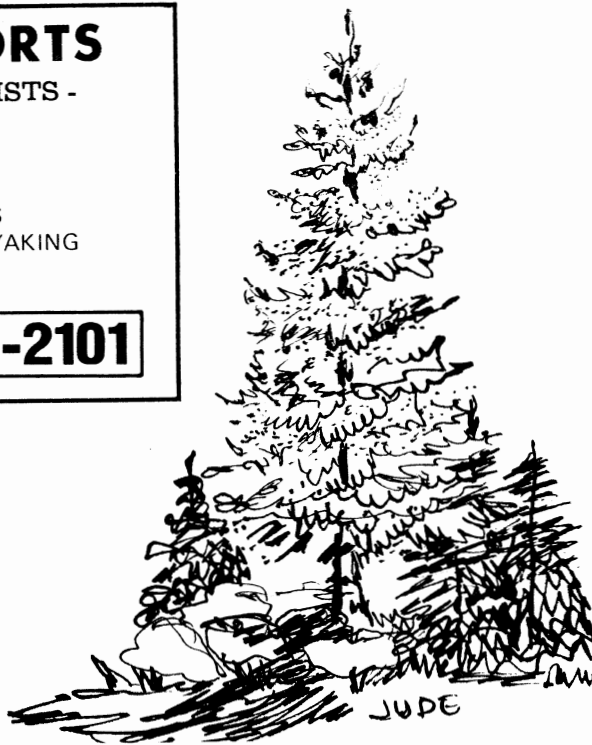
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Mt. Olympus North Face

September 10, 1977 by Fred Zoerner

Ten hikers and two climbers* led by Oscar Robinson cheerfully set out from the trailhead amongst the plushy homes of Olympus Cove. Up, up, up through the brush assisted by many "veggy holds" to the ridge. Veterans commented on the relative lack of gnats, attributing it to the pleasant coolness. After a rest in a grassy cleft, replenished by snacks and gnat protein (they had caught up by then!), we scrambled over steeply dipping bouldery conglomerate and quartzite to the ridge of the north summit. Down, down, the swale of pleasantly purple pelite, over the boulders, onward to the sheer wall of The Summit. From afar a sheer wall, but actually an accommodating face of clefts and ledges led us to the summit. A nice rest, some light wine and chatter, and off down the primrose path. After a few sprinkles, the slowpokes were greeted by Trudy Healy and Peter Hansen dispensing well received refreshments.

Participants: Bob Bamford, Jeff Foote, Peter Hansen, Trudy Healy, Rip Johnson, David Dick, Peter Keller, Oscar Robinson, leader, Diana Schoenberg*, John Sloan*, and Fred Zoerner.



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WESTWATER "Looks Good, Feels Bad"

by Sheila M. Wolf

OCTOBER 1977

When our 15-passenger van with U-Haul trailer became mired in mud two miles from the Westwater put-in, we should have recognized it for the omen it was. Unfortunately, we did not.

Guided by flashlights, we pushed and heaved in muck up to our knees attempting to free the trailer. At one frustrating point, muscleman Mike Taylor suggested we surround the U-Haul and lift it to dry ground. As he was the only muscleman in our group, we quickly vetoed this idea. Finally, after much effort, the vehicle rolled free.

Tiredly, we threw up camp near the quiet Colorado, hung our mudcaked pants out our tent doors, and went to sleep.

Saturday started and ended lazily. Amid a warm October day we shoved into the river at 11 a.m. and rode most rapids as easily as a fish. By fish, I mean that Peter Cartwright, Gary Hill, Peggy Taylor and Lois Lowe each fell out of the boats at various rapids and went swimming along until someone could haul them in.

Everyone had a long look at Scull prior to running it, everyone except Joy Ray who figures if she doesn't look it won't worry her. However, that day Scull proved to be the easiest rapid of all. Mary Manley performed with her usual aplomb and rode it through backwards.

Sunday we were on the river earlier. Previously, three rafters had dropped out of this second-day run. (How wise they were!) We began in a regular yachting spirit. The beer flowed easily, rainsuits came off in the hot sun, until just after Marble Canyon Rapid. Mary Manley's boat, captained by Randy Taylor, hit a big wave which caused it to flip. Three people were caught underneath: Joy Ray, Peter Cartwright, and Sheila Wolf. Mike Taylor's crew paddled to the rescue and we were able to save most of our gear and capture the upended raft before being washed into Funnel Rapid.

The six miles of flat water following Scull Rapid were a welcome relief by the tired and shaken crew.

Those who fell into the river on Westwater: Peggy and Randy Taylor, Mike Taylor, Sheila Wolf, Joy Ray, John Schell, Peter Cartwright, Lois Lowe, Mary Manley and Gary Hill.

Those who did not fall into the river: Noel and Klancey DeNevers, Chuck Ranney and Gail Arbuthnot.

GREEN RIVER LAKES

by John Gottman

A small contingent of enthusiastic climber, hikers and canoeists left Salt Lake City October 14 for our third climbers Fall Event, this time in the Green River Lakes area at the north end of the Wind River Range. As we neared the end of the six hour drive we passed numerous encampments of hunters, but the park campground was absolutely deserted.

We were awakened at dawn by rifle fire echoing up the canyon at a steady rate for almost fifteen minutes. We launched the canoe and made the three mile crossing of the steaming lower lake toward magnetic Squaretop Mountain. We worked our way up the mile long stream between the lakes, a little low at this time of year, requiring pushing over shallow spots. Two miles across the upper lake brought us to a perfect camp site by the stream inlet.

We set up camp hastily and hiked up the Highline Trail to a meadow east of Squaretop. This was my first trip to the area and from a climbing point of view I was amazed. We had seen several extremely sharp pinnacles to the east of the lower lake in the Clear Creek Canyon. The walls of Squaretop are spectacular and offer several fairly reasonable routes on the northwest and west faces. Clockwise from Squaretop to the west and northwest lie the Bottle with its walled summit block, Pinnacle with its thin sail-like shape and beautiful sharp east ridge, Shan Tower,

and Tabletop with its small pinnacles on the southeast ridge. There is also a lot of good hiking including the south ridge of Squaretop. The campsite possibilities are numerous along the Green. In general I feel the area is much more beautiful than the Big Sandy area I have travelled so much.

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We ate dinner and enjoyed a small campfire, and ended the evening with the barking and howling of coyotes. Gunfire and the coyotes greeted us Sunday morning.

We saw our annual moose before hiking up the hanging canyon west of Squaretop to get a better look at the climbing routes. The canyon is long but relatively narrow and bouldery. Camping possibilities are few on the moraines, but the canyon is an excellent base for the surrounding peaks. It has definite high camp possibilities.

We broke camp Sunday afternoon and canoed out, disturbing small groups of ducks and geese along the way. As we drove out past the hunters' camps with hanging elk carcasses we felt it had been a good trip. The weather had been perfect, we gained valuable information, we saw beautiful country, and we stretched the summer a bit---all the criteria for the Fall Event as conceived by Paul Horton, Anne Key and me four years ago.

Participants: Ann Cheves and John Gottman.

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The articles and photographs are always appreciated. Keep them coming.

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